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INDUSTRY NEWS

EXPOSE GRADUATES TO THE WORKPLACE, BUSINESS URGED Deputy President David Mabuza has called on more business leaders to make it their business to adequately skill young people at educational institutions and at the work place through internships. *[South African Government News Agency, 10 May 2018.](#)*

CLIMATE CHANGE REVERSAL WINDOW CLOSING AS BONN TALKS STALL As the second week of talks at the Bonn Climate Change Conference gets underway, some 200 country delegates remain far from agreeing on a rulebook to implement the Paris Agreement, the historic accord signed in 2015 to reduce remissions and keep the worst effects of climate change at bay. *[The Green Times, 9 May 2018.](#)*

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE DOESN'T NEED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS — IT NEEDS TRILLIONS Behind wrangling at UN climate talks over financial aid for poor countries dealing with increasingly extreme weather and bracing for worse

to come, real-world projects that can save livelihoods — and sometimes lives — are queued up, waiting for approval and money. [BusinessLIVE, 9 May 2018.](#)

TOURISM'S CLIMATE FOOTPRINT SOARS Previous estimates of tourism's climate footprint have fallen far below the mark. Between 2009 and 2013 it increased four times more than earlier estimated, according to a comprehensive new study. [Tim Radford, Climate News Network, 9 May 2018.](#)

TAMING CLIMATE CHANGE CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS Science has proved that climate change and its impacts such as prolonged drought and extreme rainy conditions are occurrences that humanity has to grapple with. [B4FA, 9 May 2018.](#)

BUSINESS SHOULD BE OBSESSED WITH STATE BUILDING, SAYS BONANG MOHALE Addressing leaders in business and corporate social investment at the 2018 [Triologue](#) Business in Society Conference, Bonang Mohale, CEO of Business Leadership SA, said the country has been given a second - and last - chance following the appointment of a new president. "South African business is currently basking in the glory of positive sentiment," he said. [BizCommunity, 9 May 2018.](#)

BUSA WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO REOPEN CONSULTATIONS ON IRP Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) has welcomed the announcement by Energy Minister Jeff Radebe, before the Portfolio Committee on Energy, that the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) be reopened for public consultation. [Simone Liedtke, Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

FROM TECH UNICORNS TO CLEAN ENERGY THESE ARE THE YOUNG AFRICANS CHANGING THE WORLD IN 2018 One hundred women and men from around the world were invited to join this year's cohort of Young Global Leaders – ten are from sub-Saharan Africa. [CNBC Africa, 9 May 2018.](#)

IS CARBON TAX IMPLEMENTATION DATE POSSIBLE? One thing is certain in this context: anyone having to sign off on the Carbon Tax Bill has an unenviable job, writes Justine Sweet, LexisNexis contributing author and specialist environmental legal consultant. [IT-ONLINE, 9 May 2018.](#)

DST COMMITTED TO MAKING INROADS DESPITE TIGHT BUDGET The Department of Science and Technology will be working on a tight budget of R7.8-billion this year, but hopes to make inroads in programmes and innovations across South Africa. [Kim Cloete, Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

TOP 6 FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN AFRICA "If wealth was the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise, every woman in Africa would be a millionaire." – George Monbiot. [Responsible Business, 8 May 2018.](#)

NBI IN THE NEWS/NBI NEWS

STEADY SKILLS SUPPLY FOR MANUFACTURING: 'MAKING WHAT WE'VE GOT WORK DIFFERENTLY AND BETTER ...'
The NBI is conducting a study on behalf of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation to understand ways in which to develop a steady supply of relevant skills by Technical and Vocational and Education and Training (TVET) colleges for the manufacturing sector. One of the central pieces of the study is aligning supply and demand taking cognisance of the constraints and opportunities in the TVET college sector and designing innovative interventions to

realise quality and relevance of the workforce, scale and swift responsiveness to demand in manufacturing. [Read here.](#)

NBI ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY (ACES) On the 9th May 2018 the NBI hosted a mini-strategy session with our Advisory Council on Environment and Society (the group of NBI members the guide our environment work) in preparation for a bigger strategy session later this year. ACES approved the current work plan of the NBI and requested us to continue with our work on making sense of international and local trends and their impacts on our economy and society. The challenges of transforming our business models and our economy in a just and trust building way is top of member company minds. Please let us know if you would like to participate in ACES or in our larger strategy session. Contact [StevenN@nbi.org.za.](mailto:StevenN@nbi.org.za)

PWC/WBCSD/NBI TO HOST INVESTOR ROUNDTABLE: ENHANCING CREDIBILITY OF INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON 11 May 2018 at PWC, WATERFALL CITY. This roundtable is part of a series of events that will be taking place across the globe in the next few months. The findings will be published later this year and inform discussions with companies through the WBCSD network, regulators and standard setters. PwC is working with the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#) (WBCSD) as part of their [Redefining Value](#) project to see what needs to be done to improve the quality and relevance of reporting outside of the financial statements – information that is used for decision making within companies and by investors and other providers of capital. The aim is to understand what you think makes the information companies report outside the financial statements credible given that it may not be covered by the audit report. This information may relate to non-GAAP measures (such as organic sales growth, occupancy rates etc.), as well as the metrics and statements given about the risks (and opportunities) in environmental, social and governance areas. Please contact **Liandie Kies** should you wish for additional information.

BUSINESS HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN ADDRESSING INEQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA The seemingly intractable issues of poverty and inequality in South Africa pose fundamental challenges now and for the future. [NBI Quick Brief, 24 April 2018.](#)

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The National Business Initiative (NBI) will again partner with Global Initiatives for the 2nd annual Responsible Business Forum (RBF) on Sustainable Development, Africa. Under the theme '**Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology**', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. [Further information.](#)

NBI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bringing you news and the latest research from our international partners

CDP CDP in South Africa is a long-standing partnership between the London-based CDP and the NBI. They have built the most comprehensive collection of self-reported environmental information in the world. Over the past 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues. Read their latest news article entitled: "*Moving beyond disclosure and driving action*", [here.](#)

UNGC CEO WATER MANDATE NBI partners with the CEO Water Mandate to encourage water stewardship in South Africa. Established by the UN Global Compact in 2007, and rooted in the belief that cross-sectoral collaboration on

shared water goals is the most effective path to more sustainable water management, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative that mobilizes business leaders for water stewardship. *Read their latest news article entitled: "ISAGEN S.A. Submits Communication on Progress for 2018?", [here](#).*

WE MEAN BUSINESS (WMB) NBI is the South African partner to WMB. WMB is a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world's most influential businesses and investors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. Read their latest blog article written by CEO Nigel Topping entitled: *"Navigating disruption within changing systems", [here](#).*

WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WBCSD) NBI is the global partner of the WBCSD in South Africa. Read their latest insight entitled: *"Sustainability Reporting Will Create Long-Term Business and Investor Value", [here](#).*

NBI MEMBER COMPANY NEWS

NEDBANK SAYS GROUP PRODUCED STRONG PERFORMANCE The Nedbank Group said it has produced a strong performance for the first quarter to end March, underpinned by the return to profitability by its subsidiary Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) in their fourth quarter of 2017. [IOL Business, 10 May 2018.](#)

FUEL GIANT SASOL IS TRANSFORMING INTO A CHEMICALS POWERHOUSE Once the project is fully operational, Sasol's geographic revenue will be evenly split between South Africa and the rest of the world. [Moneyweb, 10 May 2018.](#)

ALTRON POSTS DOUBLE-DIGIT IMPROVEMENTS FOR FY18 JSE-listed Allied Electronics ([Altron](#)) on Thursday posted double-digit growth in revenue and earnings from continuing operations for the year ended February 28. [Engineering News, 10 May 2018.](#)

COCA-COLA BEVERAGES TO TAP INTO SOLAR ENERGY Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA) is installing rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) units, with a combined installed capacity of 10.4 MW, at 11 of its sites. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

ALSTOM COMPLETES TRAM LINE IN ALGERIAN CITY French multinational Alstom has completed the first tram line for the city of Sétif, in Algeria. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT INVESTEC AFRICAN PROPERTIES COMMENCES OPERATIONS Pan-African real estate investment business Growthpoint Investec African Properties (GIAP), a partnership between Growthpoint Properties, Investec Asset Management and the International Finance Corporation, has started operations. [Engineering News, 9 May 2018.](#)

MASTERCARD, PICK N PAY LAUNCH TAP TO FEED INITIATIVE Mastercard, with Pick n Pay and FoodForward SA, has committed to donating 1.2-million meals to South Africans in need through an initiative called Tap to Feed. The initiative forms part of its global 100 Million Meals programme. [BizCommunity, 8 May 2018.](#)

HOW PWC IS USING VR TO HELP 'SEE' THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE [GreenBiz, 3 May 2018.](#)

MTN Q1 REVENUE RISES 9% South African telecoms firm MTN Group reported on Thursday a 9.1% rise in its revenue for the quarter to the end of March, sending its shares 5% higher. [Moneyweb, 3 May 2018.](#)

MONDI BUYS REST OF EGYPTIAN PAPER FIRM'S SHARES Dual-listed packaging and paper group Mondi has announced that it had signed an agreement to acquire 100% of the outstanding shares in National Company for Paper Products and Import & Export S.A.E (NPP) in Egypt for a total consideration of 23.7million (R356.21m) on a debt and cash-free basis. [IOL Business, 2 May 2018.](#)

THE BOARDWALK IS KEEN TO BE GREEN Sun International's award winning The Boardwalk is paying more than just lip service to its commitment to environmental sustainability. [Baydu.co.za, 2 May 2018.](#)

ENTREPRENEURIAL PROFILE: PICK N PAY CHAIR GARETH ACKERMAN Early days and learnings at the retailer, developing the group's core values. [Moneyweb, 1 May 2018.](#)

GROWTHPOINT CELEBRATES GREEN BOND LISTING ON JSE Growthpoint Properties, the first South African company and real estate investment trust to issue a green bond programme on the JSE, celebrated the occasion with a bit of fanfare on Wednesday morning, 25 April. [BizCommunity, 26 April 2018.](#)

DS VIRGIN RACING FORMULA E TEAM SET TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL THANKS TO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARBON TRUST The Carbon Trust has partnered with [DS Virgin Racing](#) team to help them take the necessary steps to make their core operations carbon neutral. This commitment will also be complemented with a carbon reduction strategy to reduce the team's impact over time. [The Carbon Trust, 22 April 2018.](#)

'LEANER AND FITTER' PICK N PAY REAPS REWARDS OF COST-CUTTING PROGRAMME CEO Richard Brasher says the retailer has kept its average selling price inflation in check and well below Statistics SA's official figure. [BusinessLIVE, 19 April 2018.](#)

CLICKS GROUP'S H1 PROFIT RISES Retailer Clicks Group posted a 14.8% rise in half-year earnings on Thursday as health and beauty products appealed to thrifty consumers in a weak economy. [Moneyweb, 19 April 2018.](#)

GRINDROD CONCLUDES SALE OF UNICORN BUNKER SERVICES Grindrod has finalised the sale of its bunker division, Unicorn Bunker Services, for an undisclosed amount. [Engineering News, 18 April 2018.](#)

VODACOM BUSINESS LAUNCHES LOCAL SMME INCUBATION CENTRE Vodacom Business, in partnership with technology and training company, Silulo Ulutho Technologies launched a business incubation centre in Mitchells Plain earlier this month. [IOL Business, 18 April 2018.](#)

WESTERN CAPE WATER CRISIS

NBI'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE: For more information please contact [Alex McNamara.](#)

HISTORIC DROUGHT TAKES TOLL ON SOUTH AFRICA'S VINEYARDS The worst drought in living memory has hit vineyards in South Africa's Western Cape hard, reducing grape harvests and adding to pressure on the region's centuries-old wine industry, officials said on Tuesday. [Cape Business News, 9 May 2018.](#)

HEFTY WATER TARIFF HIKE 'UNAVOIDABLE', SAYS CITY If the City of Cape Town gets its way, residents will be forking out more of their hard-earned rands due to a water tariff increase of 55.16%. [Daily Maverick, 9 May 2018.](#)

RESOURCES TO HELP AVOID DAY ZERO:

- [How to save water in your business or organisation](#): includes building water use poster and guide.
- [Water Saving Toolkits](#): water and drought-related materials e.g. posters and guides.
- [Summary Guidelines for Alternative Water Installations](#) and [apply here](#) to install and use such systems.
- [Safe Use of Greywater booklet](#): how to use greywater safely at home or work.

NOTICES, REPORTS, OPINIONS AND SURVEYS

NEW UNITED NATIONS REPORT SPOTLIGHTS GENDER-SENSITIVE TRADE POLICYMAKING IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY *Jointly* issued by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and TradeMark East Africa. [African Politics and Policy - Online Journal, 9 May 2018.](#)

YOUNG TALENTS HEADED FOR GLOBAL INNOVATION LAB Jessica Fell and Dr Dyllon Randall of the Future Water Institute will fly the UCT flag as 2018 UNLEASH talents at this global innovation lab in Singapore later this month. [UCT News, 9 May 2018.](#)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: TOWARDS ENHANCED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND AN INCLUSIVE ADAPTIVE GREEN ECONOMY IN SOUTH AFRICA The Government of Flanders has a long-standing relationship with the Government of South Africa. The Country Strategy Paper III (CSP III) 2017-2021, which is the product of a joint consultation process between the two governments, is focused on contributing to the evidence base for climate change adaptation (CCA) as a means for advancing South Africa's transition to a climate resilient society and an inclusive adaptive green economy. **Closing date and time: 26 May 2018 at 23:59.** Click [here](#) for further information.

HOW CSI CAN HELP UNLOCK THE 'DEMOCRACY DIVIDEND' - THULI MADONSELA Corporate social investment has the power to unleash "the generosity of strangers" to address South Africa's inequality, poverty and unemployment, and the indignities imposed by those ills, said Professor Thuli Madonsela, delivering the keynote address at the 2018 Trialogue Business in Society Conference. [BizCommunity, 9 May 2018.](#)

SA ENTREPRENEUR WINS AWARD AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM South African entrepreneur Sarah Collins was awarded the "Woman of the Decade in Entrepreneurship" award at the World Economic Forum in New Delhi, India. [Safrica 24, 2 May 2018.](#)

GENDER EQUALITY AT WORK CAN PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN TECH INDUSTRY – REPORT The report released by PwC on Tuesday says women in technology remain significantly under-represented. [The Citizen, 17 April 2018.](#)

WBCSD: LAUNCHING THE SOCIAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL COALITION: HELPING COMPANIES RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES LIVING WELL This week marks the launch of the [Social and Human Capital Coalition](#), designed to help companies recognize, measure and value the importance of people and communities. As part of the launch, the Coalition is also [opening the Social and Human Capital Protocol](#) for public consultation until 16 June 2018.

AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME - APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN UNTIL 30 JUNE 2018 Your company may be eligible to apply for the Agro-Processing Support Scheme (“APSS”) if it is involved in implementing upgrade or expansion projects with a minimum investment value of R1 million in new machinery and equipment; commercial vehicles; buildings; and/ or competitiveness improvement costs. The APSS was launched by the South African government in 2017 to target support towards agro-processing activities that result in job creation and they have recently reopened a new call for proposals. [Read here.](#)

NBI EVENTS 2018

WORKSHOP: CREATING A VISION OF AN EQUAL AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA Friday, 11 May 2018 at The Hilton Hotel, Sandton. The NBI’s Transformation Programme explores how we can find effective ways to contribute towards creating an equal and just South African society within and outside of the workplace. The programme engages with both the role of business in addressing our core socio-economic challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment and will also address key internal transformation issues in corporates, including inter alia issues of equity in relation to race, gender, age and leadership. Via two in-depth workshops we aim to collectively explore and re-think a future where all people have access to the economy, and equality in society. We would value your input and experience in this important and timely recommitment to changing South African society. Please click [HERE](#) if you wish to attend the workshop for NBI member companies only.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE: INTERMEDIATE CITIES AS DESTINATIONS FOR INVESTMENT Thursday, 17 May 2018 at the DBSA, Midrand. This dialogue focuses on the infrastructure needs and investment opportunities present in cities outside of the major metropolitan regions. As always, the Dialogue’s goal is to use shared information and facilitated discussion to achieve: an improved climate for policy and decision-making; strengthened cooperation within the infrastructure sector; and specifically, ideas that participants may be able to take forward or apply through their respective areas of responsibility and influence. [Read more.](#)

KOPANO YA METSI’S MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DIALOGUE Monday, 21 May 2018 at the DBSA, Midrand. Municipalities are the service delivery arm of government. Theirs in an important mandate upon which hinges key areas of South Africa’s social and economic development. At present, most municipalities face immense challenges relating to the development and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure. It is therefore key to understand the challenges municipalities face, what infrastructure projects they are prioritising and how best to strengthen their water business for social and economic prosperity. The National Business Initiative (NBI), in partnership with SALGA, are hosting a unique dialogue being held in collaboration with two South African municipalities. Please click [here](#) should you wish to RSVP to attend the dialogue.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES: THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD) Friday, 25 May 2018 at FutureSpace, Sandton. Published in June 2017, the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) have attracted significant local and international interest, with their recommendations incorporated into key disclosure platforms such as CDP. If you are an NBI Member company, please join us for a TLS “working session” where we interactively unpack the TCFD and its implications for companies in South Africa, as well as consider the ways in which the TCFD recommendations relate to key disclosure platforms and sustainability metrics. Please click [here](#) if you wish to attend this TLS.

SOUTH AFRICAN EVENTS 2018

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: DEVELOPING CARBON PROJECTS 16 May 2018 at the Westin Hotel in Cape Town. Climate Neutral Group is hosting a business breakfast and informal discussion on the topic: "Developing Carbon Projects". The focus will be on the essential elements of developing an emission reduction project that can generate additional income through the sale of carbon credits within the context of South Africa's future compliance carbon market. **RSVP or for further information.**

2018 AFRICA SHARED VALUE SUMMIT 24 to 25 May 2018 at the Maslow Hotel, Sandton. The aim of the Africa Shared Value Summit is to raise awareness and advocate for the success of the strategic implementation of the Shared Value business model which brings about social change while positively impacting profit. In 2018, the Summit aims to deepen and continue the Shared Value conversation, with a focus on implementation, impact and how Shared Value may be used as a vehicle to implement and align business to the SDGs. **Website.**

INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GRI SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS COURSE followed by the **Workshop on GRI Disclosures (Performance Indicators), 29 to 31 May 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg.** For more information visit: **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail: **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone: **082 395 7582.**

SCENARIO PLANNING AND STRATEGIC THINKING 30 May to 1 June 2018 at GIBS, Illovo. Are you sufficiently prepared for a range of alternative future scenarios your organisation could face? Learn how to build an effective scenario plan and think strategically in a complex and uncertain environment. **GIBS website.**

IMBEWU WILL BE HOSTING A WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE WASTE ACT WORKSHOP in Cape Town on 31 May 2018 at Intaka Island Eco Centre, Century City. The workshop will cover: waste management activities and licensing requirements; the implications of on-site storage, sorting, shredding etc. of waste; the duty of care and the contaminated land provisions; compliance action taken by government and case studies; offences, including director liability, and what steps must be taken in the event of unlawful action; and the future of waste management in South Africa. For more information or to obtain the booking form, please email: **lulu@imbewu.co.za.**

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORTING COURSE 11 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit: **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail: **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone: **082 395 7582.** Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

CARBON TAX 101 COURSE 12 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit: **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail: **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone: **082 395 7582.** Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

GHG EMISSIONS INVENTORY COURSE (ISO 14064-1 AND IPPC METHODOLOGIES) 13 to 15 June 2018 at the Glenhove Conference Centre, Melrose, Johannesburg. For more information visit: **www.ess-sustainability.co.za**, e-mail: **seakle@ess-sustainability.co.za** or phone: **082 395 7582.** Offered in collaboration with Carbon Check SA.

2018 MANUFACTURING INDABA 19 to 20 June 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Bigger, Better and more Innovative than Ever Before. The 5th annual Manufacturing Indaba will be held in collaboration with

the Department of Trade & Industry (the dti) and the Manufacturing Circle, a corporate association of private sector manufacturers. The event will comprise a two-day conference and exhibition, designed specifically for private and public company representatives to hear from industry experts as they unpack challenges and find solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors and explore regional trade into Africa. The 2018 event will launch the IoT / Industry 4.0 Conference aligned to the Manufacturing Indaba as an official side event. For more info on this event, or to register for the Indaba, visit: www.manufacturingindaba.co.za.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) SA: SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME 5 to 8 August 2018 at INTUNDLA, PRETORIA. Inviting managers in the private or public sector to influence and guide their organisation to take an integrated approach to sustainability across all functions. The programme is widely regarded as the most effective of its kind. Designed for those specifically charged with driving sustainability in their organisation, this programme provides access to the latest data on the global challenges facing us, tools and frameworks for action, and bold business responses from around the world. Participants explore the strategic implications for their own business, and effective approaches to engage all levels of the organisation. Applications are made via the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership online application form and all applicants are subject to a selection panel approval. For more information kindly click [here](#) or download the application form [here](#).

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE FOR AFRICA 3 to 28 September 2018 at SANBI, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town. The IOI-SA will be running the annual course in Ocean Governance for Africa in collaboration with the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), and other partners in September 2018. E-mail your [application](#) to: Shampton@ioisa.org or Hampton.shannon@gmail.com. Please also refer to the [IOI-SA Web page](#) for further information and any updates.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS 2018

WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE'S TRACKING AND STRENGTHENING CLIMATE ACTION (TASCA) INITIATIVE, together with the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA), are pleased to launch a **Climate Tracking and Transparency webinar series** with 12 sessions held throughout 2018. We invite you to join us as we explore critical topics that support domestic transparency systems for NDCs. Webinars will feature presentations and interactive discussion among experts, practitioners and national government representatives. **The series kicks off on June 12th at 9 am EDT with an in depth look at how to measure corporate and facility-level emissions.** This webinar will include the perspective of national policymakers. We welcome your participation and [hope you can join us!](#)

5TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING 23 to 24 May 2018 New York, USA. Climate 2018 is based on the theme: "Abrupt Impacts of Climate Change" and the conference mainly focuses on the Climate change and its effects. Study of Climate change is important in today's world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. We have to really understand the challenges and together we have to make a pledge for a sustainable environment. [Conference website.](#)

THE 15TH IWA LEADING EDGE CONFERENCE ON WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGIES 27 to 31 May 2018, Nanjing, China. The IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies is designed to be the place where new ideas are introduced and the opportunity is provided to interact with the "best of the best". This is the global conference where new insights into how pioneering science, technological innovation and leading practices shape the major transformation in water management that is underway. [Further information.](#)

ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (ESDEIC) 25 to 27 June 2018, Edinburgh, UK. This conference offers a platform to share and discuss proposals and research, and to draw insights and encourage collaboration from many topics, disciplines, and backgrounds, promoting research and education to build a fair global community and more sustainable societies. ESDEIC aims to become an international forum where researchers, environmentalists, scientists, scholars and students, share their ideas, experiences, advancements, and research results about all aspects related to economy, sustainable development and energy. We also want to discuss the practical challenges encountered, and their possible solutions. [Website.](#)

2ND ANNUAL RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM (RBF) ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA 25 to 27 June 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Under the theme 'Transforming Africa's development through innovation, youth and technology', RBF Africa 2018 will bring together leaders from business, government, UN agencies and NGOs to focus on partnerships to accelerate the rate of development, address inequalities and find new ways to create fair and decent employment. After an overwhelmingly positive response last year, RBF Africa 2018 will again bring more than 400 delegates together to address and share their vision for an equitable and prosperous future in Africa. The Forum will align with the African Union's Agenda 2063, a vision for an integrated and peaceful continent, a vision encompassed by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Please note that NBI Members get a 20% discount by using the following promotional code: NBIRBFAF18D. [Register here.](#)**

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